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DXERS CALLING CANCELS AUDIO STREAMING

Dear supporters, it is a with a heavy heart I have to tell you that I've decided to take all my audio off air at live365.com, due to royalties that will be implemented in 30 days time. I have been relaying and providing audio for 2 years now for no cost and being charged nothing as a founding live365 account holder, so this is a difficult decision to make. I will be looking at alternatives to making audio available via other means, but for now will be taking a break; all my webpages will continue. I will keep you informed of other arrangements, Thanking you

Tim Gaynor, DXers Calling Australia

<http://nrin.hypermart.net> <http://www.geocities.com/nri3>
<http://www.angelfire.com/myband/tjg>
(via W9WZE site via WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)
Included WOR but music hardly an element there (gh, DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN. USA/AFGHANISTAN: US BROADCASTING PROJECTS UNDER WAY

Text of remarks by Marc Nathanson, chairman of the US Broadcasting Board of Governors, at the National Press Club in Washington on 26 June, carried on Broadcasting Board of Governors web site

Thank you all very much for coming today to hear about the new developments in the War on Terrorism by US international broadcasting entities after 11 September.

First, I want to welcome my fellow governor, Norm Pattiz, who is here with me today. Norm is chairman of our Middle East subcommittee and the father of MERN [Middle East Radio Network].

Also joining me are Bob Reilly, the director of the Voice of America, and Tom Dine, the president of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, which is based in Prague.

The Broadcasting Board of Governors - the BBG - is responsible for all US non-military broadcasting including radio, TV, satellite and Internet delivery. Created as an independent agency nearly three years ago, the BBG supervises VOA, RFE/RL, Radio Free Asia, Worldnet Television and Radio/TV Marti. Altogether, we broadcast to over 100 million people each day in 65 languages to 90 countries.

Today, I want to focus on one country - Afghanistan - and tell you about our international broadcasting initiatives that are helping to rebuild that country, and, hopefully, promote peace and democracy.

Other countries have pledged a lot of media assistance to the Afghans since the Taleban were expelled, but we've been told by Afghan officials that we're really delivering on our promises. Here are the BBG projects that are under way in Afghanistan:

1. We signed an initial agreement with the Afghan government in May 2002 to install two mediumwave transmitters that will have nationwide reach. VOA and RFE/RL will use one transmitter; the other will be used by Radio Afghanistan, operated by the Afghan government. Millions of people with AM radios will be able to hear programmes in Dari and Pashto as a result of this project.

Both transmitters are 400 kilowatts, meaning they'll reach millions of people listening to AM radio. The 10.2m-dollar project, which will

include constructing, transporting and installing the equipment, is expected to take about six months. Under the agreement, the United States will also help the Afghans to return to operation a mediumwave transmitter that is currently inoperable.

2. We've also shipped two FM transmitters to Kabul, and they began operating last month. These transmitters provide service to listeners in and around Kabul. One transmitter carries Radio Afghanistan on 105.2 FM. The other transmitter, 100.5 FM, carries RFE/RL and VOA programming in Dari and Pashto 24 hours a day. There is a tremendous influx of cheap FM radios coming into the country from Pakistan.

This infrastructure is important because existing broadcasting equipment in Afghanistan is obsolete. Some 75 per cent of Afghanistan's mediumwave transmitters were either destroyed or were inoperable. Each of the country's six shortwave transmitters were also ruined.

We hope new equipment will help the Karzai government spread a message of reconciliation and democratic transformation to Afghanistan's citizens.

3. To give the people of Afghanistan more objective and accurate news and information, the BBG has increased broadcasting in Dari and Pashto via shortwave radio and FM since 11 September 2001.

VOA now broadcasts and rebroadcasts in about four hours each of Dari and Pashto. We've more than doubled programmes into Afghanistan, and, with funding from Congress, we've added hours in Farsi, Turkish, Urdu and Uzbek.

It's important to note that prior to the War on Terrorism, VOA had a huge shortwave listening audience of about 80 per cent of the male population. The Taleban forbade measuring female listenership.

And it's not only VOA that's active in Afghanistan. Congress allocated 19.2m dollars for RFE/RL to create Radio Free Afghanistan, which launched in January. To date, RFE/RL is broadcasting a total of 10.5 hours daily in Dari and Pashto, 8.5 of them live.

The VOA-RFE/RL Dari and Pashto streams are coordinated and integrated to assure maximum coverage of news both inside and outside of Afghanistan.

US international broadcasting is already having an impact.

VOA and RFE/RL provided complete coverage of the presidential election, and broadcast the speeches of leaders from Afghanistan's

many regions during the Grand Council of Afghan leaders [Loya Jerga]. Both services carried events live, mixing in commentary, analysis and music. RFE/RL and VOA journalists interviewed dignitaries, delegates, and passers-by. Ad hoc roundtables were convened with hand-held microphones. Special call-in shows allowed ordinary Afghans to present their views on the future of the country. RFE/RL placed a particular emphasis on women, organizing women's roundtables and going out of the way to interview women. And RFE/RL received international attention when First Lady Laura Bush came to the studios in Prague last month to record a speech for the people of Afghanistan.

4. VOA and RFE/RL have increased staff in and around Afghanistan. More than 30 correspondents and stringers work for the services, covering national, local, health, education and humanitarian events.

Training is another important component. With a 436,753-dollar grant from the US Agency for International Development (USAID), VOA is training more than two dozen freelance reporters and broadcasters in and around Afghanistan. RFE/RL is also training Afghan journalists on fundamental journalism techniques. Already about 20 people have undergone a one-week course learning how to conduct interviews, distinguish between news and commentary and use basic equipment. The services have translated the "Guide to Radio Journalism" into Dari and Pashto.

The RFE/RL's Kabul bureau is already a major hub of journalistic activity and training for local journalists. The bureau has a Local Area Network with desktop computers and transmitters. Stringers have been taught basic recording, editing and production training.

Reaction to our work from our most important constituency - the Afghan people themselves - has been overwhelmingly positive. Hardly a day goes by without some statement of popular gratitude for these broadcasts - from the taxi driver in Kabul to the refugee camps in Pakistan. Mohammad Rahim Aliyar, governor of the remote, ethnic Hazar province of Bamyan, expressed appreciation best to one of our reporters. "The only contact my people have with the outside world," he said, "is due to international broadcasters such as yourselves."

Our journalists along with other international reporters are doing the job of reporting the news to the Afghan people under very hazardous conditions. They do this because they know it is vital to the future of freedom and democracy in Afghanistan.

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Source: Broadcasting Board of Governors web site, Washington, in English 26 Jun 02 (via BBCM via WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. 18940, R. Afghanistan via Kvits`y: I checked at 1230 and 1330 on 28/6 & 29/6, but no sign of them. I wonder if it has moved since? Should propagate into here on this channel, as the other Scandinavian stuff on this band generally well heard at present (Craig Seager, July ADXN via WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)

** AFGHANISTAN [non]. Heard what I thought was Radio Free Afghanistan via 18980 at 1430, Arabic sounding language (Christopher Lewis, UK, June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST) ?? Not on RFA schedule

** ALGERIA. Where is Algeria??? Have they gone off air? Have not heard those folks for years (Christopher Lewis, UK, June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Ask him?

** ALGERIA. NEW NATIONAL RADIO DIRECTOR-GENERAL APPOINTED | Text of report by Algerian radio on 30 June

Minister of Communications and Culture and Spokeswoman of the Government Khalida Toumi today at the National Radio Company appointed Mr Zouaoui Benamadi as director-general of the National Radio, succeeding Mr Hamza Tedjini, who has been called to other responsibilities after having led the institution for two years. The ceremony took place in the presence of the managers of the National Radio Company. The new director-general is a professional journalist who had worked for Algerie Press Service [APS]. He managed several national newspapers. He was also the director of the UN radio in Rwanda and former Yugoslavia. Source: Algerian radio, Algiers, in Arabic 1700 gmt 30 Jun 02 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 10015-LSB, LR9 R. Am rica, B.A. 1830, programa: "Entretiempo" con entrevista sobre la situaci n argentina actual, al Presidente de Asociaci n de Funcionarios Postales. SINPO 35534. //MW1190. No estaba all  a las 1900 (Horacio Nigro, Uruguay, Jun 30, radioescutas via WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. ARGENTINA INVESTIGA A LA IGLESIA UNIVERSAL DE DIOS POR SU ENTRADA EN RADIOS Y TV (Foto de Edir Macedo, l der de la iglesia)

El Gobierno argentino ha iniciado una investigaci n sobre las actividades de la Iglesia Universal de Dios en el pa s. Originario de Brasil, este grupo religioso desembarc  en Argentina en 1990. Desde entonces no ha dejado de expandirse, sobre todo en medios de comunicaci n, contraviniendo una ley que proh be la tenencia por un culto extranjero de estos medios. En Argentina, la Iglesia Universal de Dios se ha valido de testaferros locales para adquirir emisoras y estaciones de televisi n. En septiembre de 1999 compraron el paquete mayoritario de Radio Buenos Aires, por el cual pagaron 15 millones de

dólares (cifra casi igual al traducirse a euros).

Oficialmente la radio pertenece a Ricardo Cis, un argentino que vivió durante años en Brasil. Como mínimo, resulta extraño que Ricardo Cis haya pagado 15 millones de dólares para adquirir esa radio cuando su patrimonio en ese año, según la Hacienda argentina, era de unos 28.000 dólares. El Gobierno argentino comenzó a investigar a este poderoso grupo, que cuenta con más de 80 templos en Buenos Aires, ante la inusitada vorágine de adquisición de espacios radiofónicos, tanto en OM como en FM, y televisivos. Esta iglesia tiene programas en las emisoras Rivadavia, Splendid, Libertad y El Mundo, y en gran número de emisoras de FM, por los que el grupo religioso paga 700.000 dólares al mes. Cuenta el empresario Carlos Jvila que el grupo le hizo una oferta para comprarle el canal de cable Cablevisión Noticias y una parte del paquete accionario del Canal 2 de televisión hertziana. Se sabe que el grupo se interesó por adquirir Radio Rivadavia, la tercera emisora en audiencia del país, perteneciente al empresario argentino Luis Cetra.

Artículo de <http://www.religiondigital.com>
(via Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, June 30, Conexión Digital via DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. Using a Beverage for R Baluarte/R Maranatha 6215, here's what I could get, which was marginal at best: heard on 22 June 2203-2221 in Portuguese airing songs, rated at 23432, QRM being from adjacent pirate station Laser Hot Hits 6220 kHz plus something I wasn't expecting, i.e. a cost-ship USB QSO between 2 Brazilian stations on approx. 6218, so neither the CAm Bev nor the too shortened and the partly damaged SAm Bev were of much help (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, BC-DX Jun 24 via DXLD)

** ARMENIA. 11685: Today I finally tried 11685 Armenia. They went on around 1553 with a modest signal and not so good modulation. At 1557 CRI sign on with a stronger signal and a RCI sign off. At 1600 CRI went to Turkish as scheduled. The CRI freq was somewhat low, so most likely this is Xi'an as listed.

Armenia was spot on frequency, but with a low freq variation (buzz). At 1610 Armenia had the usual FS sign on procedure. The program was in Armenian throughout, but the style was different, information type program before 1610 and cultural (radio theater) after 1610. All in all it seemed to be a home service relay with a FS ID inserted at 1610. The station went off some time before 1655.

This could well be from the Arinj site, which has a 300 degrees antenna. At best, the signal here was in level with CRI, i.e. using the SE antenna. The mystery is, who do they hope will stay tuned to this service?

Arinj is the "name" I have given to the old site, this being the closest town. The new site nowadays is called Gavar, formerly Kamo, due to a change of name of the nearby town. Arinj is the first town north of Yerevan, but actually it is not physically separated from Yerevan. If you search for Arinj on the Internet you will get a substantial number of hits (Olle Alm, Sweden, BC-DX Jun 25/26 via DXLD)

11685: It seems that I am getting the best signal here from Armenia here in the UK - it's usually way over all else. And reception has improved since Jordan 11690 went off. Yes, the transmission does seem to suffer some "noise", which is probably as described by Olle. I note the change in program at 1610 - this is obviously what Olle describes. I'm not totally familiar with this language, but I thought there were some Russian sounding words at times. Is Arinj the "old" Yerevan site which you referred to in connection with the recent map - Olle? - or the one usually referred to as Kamo. I didn't realise that two sites were available.

Who can guess how many Armenian nationals/speakers there are within the general European area. They must be the theoretical audience. I was surprised to learn that there are 5000+ Koreans resident in a part of London - and they all appeared to be watching yesterday's football game! (Noel R. Green, UK, BC-DX Jun 26 via DXLD)

Today I followed 11685 until s-off, which was at 1642, in mid program. It seems that they start a news program just after 1600, preceded by a home service ID. Again the program after 1610 was a cultural style service.

The odd s/on and s/off times also seem to indicate that this transmission originates from the Arinj (old Yerevan) site rather than Gavar.

I checked the 4810 transmitter today at 1940, when the English program opened. I found the frequency to be somewhat low, so this channel may also originate from the Arinj site (Olle Alm, Sweden, BC-DX Jun 27 via DXLD)

All very interesting, and the s-off time is similar to what I heard. It seems to be an extract of their HS, then, but with a FS ID included at 1610! It's a regularly strong signal here whenever I tune it. But 4810 is also very low here. I wonder if this is a 50 or 100 kW unit (Noel R. Green, UK, BC-DX Jun 28 via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. VNG: The 8638 kHz frequency is 10 kW nominal according to http://www.nsc.gov.au/PDF_WORD/Info/L15.pdf which I found with a

VNG Frequency search in Google. They almost certainly have the transmitters throttled back however. I don't recall having noted the lower frequencies in a long time but neither have I looked for them. The 2500 kHz at 1.5 kW would make a nice catch!

VNG coming through at a good steady level on 12984 with the old familiar time pips. ID in slow morse at 0944:15 for about 6 repeats over the pips. 24 June 2002. Poised to disappear as Australia falls behind the times (Tony Ward, Ont., VE3NO, DXplorer June 26 via BC-DX via DXLD)

**** AUSTRALIA. AUSTRALIAN MARITIME RADIO - END OF AN ERA**

At 2359 June 30 maritime radio services came to the end of an era. The network of coastal radio stations operated by Australia's virtual monopoly telecommunications giant, Telstra was closed as the contract was not renewed.

The Australian Maritime Safety Association has contracted for services to shipping around the country to a new operator and new transmitters. Two sites have been established about as far away from the coasts of Australia as possible. They are VMC at Charleville in Western Queensland and VMW at Wiluna in a remote part of Western Australia.

I listened to Perth Radio closing its weather forecast and traffic net at 2348 on 8176 kHz with "that is all for now - and for ever from Perth Radio". The new service began at 0000Z on eight frequencies in the 4, 8, 12 and 16 MHz bands. Signals on all but the 4 MHz band from both sites were very strong at my location at the southernmost point of the mainland coast, some 170 km southeast from Melbourne. The information now being broadcast seems to be far more comprehensive than the limited amount given out by each of the old coastal stations VIM VIS VIT VID VIP VIA etc.

Details of the new services are given on the Australian Bureau of Meteorology web site at <http://www.bom.gov.au/marine> The Acrobat file MWS_brochure2.pdf gives the essential information. As broadcasts begin at hh00 round the clock, the frequencies will provide a good reference for propagation conditions for many listeners around the world.

Frequencies to check are VMC 4426 8176 and 12365 (24 hrs) plus 16546 (daytime) and 2201 and 6507 (nighttime); VMW 4149 and 8113 (24hrs) plus 16528 (daytime) and 2056 and 6230 (nighttime). Daytime is 2100-0800 for VMC and two hours later for VMW. An additional 12 MHz frequency for VMW will be added shortly as the originally planned one was found to cause interference with a New Zealand service (Morrison Hoyle, Victoria, July 1, WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA: RA preview, Friday, July 5 at 2305 -

LINGUA FRANCA - about language. "Why Censor Chekhov?". Jeanne Heifetz on battling the New York State Education Department's Sensitivity Guidelines. To graduate from high school, New York public school students must pass compulsory tests set by the New York State Board of Regents. As part of the English Language Arts exam, students are set an essay topic accompanied by excerpts from literary works. When her step-daughter brought home last year's exam paper, Jeanne Heifetz found that the excerpt from Isaac Bashevis Singer's memoir, In My Father's Court, and another, from Chekhov's short story, The Upheaval, had been bowdlerised, cleaned up, censored. After further research, she discovered the State Education Department's 'Sensitivity Guidelines'. In following them (since 1980), the examiners have been overriding the First Amendment to the US Constitution and breaching authors' copyright. So began Jeanne Heifetz's campaign to stop censorship of literature in the State Education Department's examinations. [Transcript available] Repeated 0530 UT Sat (via John Figliozzi, ODXA via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. BIG RADIO ANNIVERSARY IN AUSTRALIA; THE FORMATION OF THE ABC

It was just 70 years ago that a dozen mediumwave stations located in 10 cities in 6 states throughout the Commonwealth of Australia were formulated into a national network of government radio stations. That event occurred on July 1, 1932 and today they are celebrating their fabulous 70th anniversary with a whole host of special programs.

This is how it all began.

The first permanent radio station in Australia made its inaugural broadcast in Sydney on November 13, 1923 under the callsign 2SB. At the time, station 2SB was owned and operated by a small commercial company, ``Broadcasters Sydney Limited``. Their original callsign, 2SB, was derived from the initial letters of their ownership, Sydney Broadcasters, with the digit 2 indicating the state of New South Wales.

In anticipation of the inauguration of this new commercial radio station, test broadcasts were conducted from the station location on the rooftop of a newspaper company, ``Smith's Weekly`` and ``Daily Guardian`` in Philip Street, Sydney. The first test broadcasts were made from an amateur radio transmitter running just 10 watts under the callsign 2HP. A few days later, when the commercial transmitter was ready for action, low powered test broadcasts were conducted from this unit.

This first new radio station in Australia commenced a regular broadcast service with a flourish, and the inaugural live broadcast included local Sydney musical talent, both vocal and instrumental. One month later, an official inaugural ceremony was broadcast and this included a speech by the Postmaster General of Australia, under whose jurisdiction were all matters associated with wireless broadcasting.

Some three months after the initial commencement of programming over station 2SB, the callsign was changed to 2BL and this new callsign was also taken from their ownership name, Broadcasters Limited. This new callsign was taken in order to avoid confusion on the part of listeners because of the similarity in sound between 2SB and another mediumwave station now on the air, 2FC.

Radio station 2FC was inaugurated as Australia's second wireless station about three weeks after the inauguration of the first station 2SB. Likewise, temporary accommodation was secured for this station on the top of another large building in downtown Sydney, the departmental store of Farmer & Company.

Soon afterwards, a large transmitter facility with tall antennas was installed at Willoughby, overlooking the beautiful Sydney Harbour. This location was in use for only three years, before an even more suitable location was secured, at the AWA transmitting facility at Pennant Hills, an outer suburb of Sydney.

As time went by, the interests of both stations, 2BL & 2FC, became intertwined, until they were amalgamated into one large broadcasting company with studios and offices in Market Street, Sydney. At first, the ownership was under the New South Wales Broadcasting Company, and then the Australian Broadcasting Company.

Finally, the Commonwealth Government took over and these two ``A`` class radio stations became the headquarters operation for the Australian Broadcasting Commission. Station 2BL is still 2BL, though in 1971, the callsign of station 2FC was changed to 2RN, standing for ``Radio National``.

Both of these pioneer radio broadcasting stations in Australia were involved also in shortwave broadcasting. The very first shortwave broadcasts in eastern Australia were made from station 2BL in February 1926, using the amateur transmitter 2YG, owned by Roy Allsop, the station engineer.

These shortwave relays originating from station 2BL were on the air spasmodically for a period of three years and they were then transferred to the sister station, 2FC. At this stage, the regular

mediumwave transmitter at Pennant Hills was re-tuned at night to a shortwave channel for this special shortwave programming.

As time went by, further changes took place and these shortwave broadcasts were taken over by AWA under the callsign VK2ME. At the commencement of the European Conflict in 1939, this shortwave service from Pennant Hills was taken over by the ABC as ``Australia Calling``, the forerunner for Radio Australia, and the experimental callsign VK2ME was regularized into VLQ.

Both 2BL and 2FC issued QSL cards in the early days and today these items are quite historic. One of these early QSL cards shows also the shortwave channel for 2FC, as 28.5 metres, corresponding to 10675 kHz.

These two original commercial stations in Sydney became the headquarter stations for the Australian Broadcasting Commission on July 1, 1932, which is the big anniversary that the ABC in Australia is currently celebrating. At the time of the formation of the ABC, 12 mediumwave stations were incorporated into the new government radio network. These stations were located in all six state capitals, though Darwin in the Northern Territory had no radio station of its own at the time.

In addition to the capital city stations, a further four relay stations in country areas were also absorbed into the ABC network, and these were :-

2NC Newcastle, New South Wales,
2CO Corowa, in the border area between NSW & Victoria,
4RK Rockhampton, Queensland; and
5CK Crystal Brook in South Australia.

In addition to the 12 mediumwave stations, the PMG department also operated an experimental shortwave station at Lyndhurst under the callsign, VK3LR. This transmitter took its programming as a relay from the two ``A`` class mediumwave stations in Melbourne, 3LO & 3AR.

The callsign 3LR was a combination of the callsigns of the two mediumwave stations. The experimental callsign VK3LR was regularized just prior to the commencement of the war, as the more familiar VLR, though this station was closed a decade or two back.

A few days ago, I phoned the ABC in Australia for additional information regarding their 70th anniversary celebrations, and the receptionist girl at the switchboard gave the identification simply as, ``702``. This of course, is the frequency for their mediumwave station 2BL. Today, the ABC operates a nationwide network numbering more than 500 AM, FM and shortwave stations throughout Australia.

One of the major 70th anniversary events is a historic broadcast with program input from the twelve original mediumwave stations in the ten cities in the six states.

Another significant event that will occur on July 1 is the launching of the ABC's seventh radio network. This new network will be an Internet only radio service featuring contemporary Australian music for the age bracket ranging from 30 - 50 years.

We here at Adventist World Radio, and our DX program ``Wavescan``, honor the Australian Broadcasting Corporation on its auspicious 70th anniversary (Adrian Michael Peterson, AWR Wavescan June 30 via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 2325, 1241-, ABC Northern Territory Jun 30 Good strong signal, with a program about religion (what do we do when we pray). Parallel 2485 was a bit weaker, and 2310 only poor (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See UNIDENTIFIED at bottom for DXpedition remarks

** AZERBAIJAN. I checked R. Dada Gorgud, the Voice of Azerbaijan again and heard the following on 6110 kHz \\ 1296 MW: 1200-1230 German, 1230-1300 French, 1600-1700 Arabic, 1700-1730 English, 1730-1800 Russian. In English ``6125 kHz`` is still announced and this broadcast is heavily interfered by TRT Ankara on 6115, apparently a move from 6120 (Maarten van Delft, Report from Georgia, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 5952.45, 1058-, R. Pio Doce Jun 29 Fair reception with talk by male in Spanish. Lots of splatter. ?ID by YL at top of hour. Too weak to be sure of content (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6155.07, 0246-, R. Fides Jun 29 Decent signal best on LSB to avoid a lot of splatter from upper side. Latin music without any announcements. Brief ID at 0301, but otherwise continuous music (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BOLIVIA [and non]. Para quienes amamos la escucha de emisoras andinas, creo que puede ser de mucha utilidad para comprender mejor las transmisiones en aymara visitar la p gina <http://www.aymara.org/> All , encontrar n la historia de este idioma, reglas de pronunciaci n, consejos para conjugar verbos, un glosario de expresiones y palabras m s empleadas, etc, etc. Para quienes est n interesados en conocer m s sobre esta lengua aborigen y no puedan acceder a la red de redes, yo les har  llegar por correo electr nico toda la informaci n que pueda bajar de esta excelente p gina (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, Conexi n Digital via WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)

** BOUGAINVILLE. ABC-TV screened part of Sean Dorney's excellent series on Papua New Guinea, 'Paradise Imperfect' on Sunday 30 June. Dorney was the ABC's correspondent in PNG for many years. It focused on the Bougainville conflict and provided an excellent overview of the history of events on Bougainville during the 90s. For DXers, one item stood out - his visit to Paru Paru and interview with a guy, Michael Nike, who put together a home-made hydro power station using an assortment of bits and pieces salvaged from the Panguna copper mine. Dorney reported that this helped to power for a short time Radio Free Bougainville. A video excerpt is available on the ABC's web site at http://www.abc.net.au/png25/episode/epis_2.htm#part2 (Matt Francis? ARDXC June 30 via DXLD) See also PAPUA NEW GUINEA for a B. log

This was the ABC story/program I watched presented by long-time ABC Pacific regional correspondent Sean Dorney. And yes was hydro powered (here's me listening to Johnno and agreeing that it was coconut powered:-) ..oops. Here's the specific Real Audio audio/video link referencing Radio Free Bougainville for those of us with 56k, else use the main link provided by Matt.
http://www.abc.net.au/png25/episode/hydro_56.ram
(Ian, ARDXC via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 4914.96, 0320-, R. Difusora Jun 29 Nice jingle ID as Radio Difusora. Fair + signal in Portuguese (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11815, 0258-0300*, R. Brasil Central Jun 29 Beautiful full ID at sign-off in Portuguese. Interesting propagation as 11815 best using SW Beverage, while stronger 4985 best using W Beverage (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BURMA [non]. NEW ZEALAND 9500, 1430-, Democratic Voice of Burma Jun 29 Excellent reception. Open carrier until 1430, when signed on in presumed Burmese, with many mentions of kHz. Best using LSB to avoid a bit of adjacent splatter (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. Re new Montreal 1610 kHz station: As was the case on Friday night, at some point last night the music stopped and they went to the open carrier again. In fact, it seems to happen right after I report hearing them on with music. :-) I'm sure you'll have little problem bagging them once they go to a regular schedule (and begin operating legally!). I wish these kinds of services would stay on FM subcarrier and not pollute the AM band. Grrrr... (Barry McLarnon, Canada, June 30, NRC-AM via DXLD)

For those of you who would like to learn more about this new station,

here is the link to the CRTC decision on the station. It dates back to November 2001. You will see that they have applied for a lot of special conditions regarding the content of the station.

<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/archive/ENG/Decisions/2001/db2001-678.htm>

I know that people in the DXing community may not be happy about this decision, but much like the plight of the secondary TIS users of the frequency, we as DXers are the secondary beneficiaries of the radio frequencies. Like it or not, we're not going to have much to say in matters like this.

Here in Montreal, the population who will most likely use this station is very, very large and is very poorly served at this point in time. Sub-carrier stations are fine, but to reach the masses, they just don't do the trick. A few that already exist in Montreal barely exist and usually are supplying pretty crappy radios to the community to listen to them on.

It's a tough break for the DXer, but we are much smaller minority than the people who will use a service like this (Sheldon Harvey, June 30, NRC-AM via DXLD)

LATEST ON 1610 KHZ

I just got off the phone (1:05 PM Eastern, Monday July 1) with Maitre Jean Ernest Pierre, the owner of the new station currently testing on 1610 kHz in Montreal.

He confirmed that it is in fact his station doing preliminary on-air tests on 1610 kHz. He was really appreciative to hear from someone who had heard the signal and was very pleased to hear about DXers in other locations having heard the signal.

Here is the vital information, at least some of it, as passed along by Mr. Pierre.

The call letters for the station are CJWI-AM. They are using 1000 watts, but the modulation is currently suppressed awaiting some additional equipment.

They will continue testing today, but will step up the procedure tomorrow in conjunction with inspectors Industry Canada and the CRTC.

I asked about the exact location of the antenna, but he seemed somewhat reluctant to give me a precise location at this point; perhaps not surprising considering that he didn't really know who I was and what exactly my interests in this information were. Also,

given the friction in the Haitian community in Montreal at present, it may have been even more understandable.

I asked him about the insertion of legal station IDs and information on contacting the station. He told me that they would be inserting IDs, most likely beginning tomorrow. I suggested that there will be DXers looking to send in reception reports, and that it would be a very good idea to have a mailing address and e-mail address included in the on-air announcements. He said he would do his best to make this happen.

I spoke with him in French, so I do not know the level at which he would speak or understand English, but given that he is a lawyer, practicing here in Montreal, I would think that there is a very good chance that he would be bilingual, or at least have staff working with him who could assist him if not.

So that's the latest from here on Canada's 135th birthday. Our 10th annual Canada Day block party kicks off in about 3 hours! (Sheldon Harvey, QC, July 1, WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. I used to love shortwave radio, but in the last sesquidecade I have been inactive. It is sad the state of the broadcast bands now -- almost dead and very quiet. I grew up in the age of jamming transmitters when things were lively. I now hear a station playing non-stop Chinese instrumental music from 1500 UT using at times 7540, 9355, 11945, 11955, 13625, 15510, 15680 and 17640. I presume this is jamming of R. Free Asia's Mandarin programmes (L. J. Illingworth, Redruth, Cornwall, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

We remember him from long ago as an active DXer, perhaps regular contributor to Sweden Calling DXers when it actually covered SW. See also CUBA below (gh, DXLD)

** COLOMBIA. Answering my query as to the address where reports can be sent, Russ M. Stendal says that his personal email address is fine: Russell Martin Stendal rms05001@neutel.com.co In his email letter he goes to say that the pmail address is [BUT see below] Carrera 44 # 13-69, Bogot., Colombia, and that they are presently working on some material to send out to DX ers for QSL. Their short wave license will be an extension of our AM station which has a distinctive of HKI-81 on 1530 kHz. ``It remains to be seen if we will be given a separate distinctive for the short wave``. Over the next couple weeks they will be making adjustments to the antenna and transmitter hoping thereby to improve clarity and modulation.

As earlier reported by Rafael Rodríguez, the street address mentioned goes to Librería Colombia para Cristo, and so this name should

preferably also be mentioned on the envelope. A partial list of books on sale can be found at

<http://www.fuerzadepaz.com/webcristo/libros/catalogo/catalogo.htm>

These books and others such as "Rescue the Captors", "Guerillas Have Taken Our Son" and "Guerilla Hostage" are available in English from Ranson Press International, P O Box 400, Moorehaven, FL 33471 or GStendal@aol.com (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, July 2, WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[Later:] The address given to me by Russ Stendal seemed a bit strange as it does not go to a neighborhood known for any significant business activity, and so I asked my friend Rafael Rodríguez to doublecheck the info. Sure enough, the address info is wrong and should be changed to Calle 44 No. 13-69 Barrio Palermo, Bogotá, D.C., Colombia. There is a website where one can contact the station at <http://www.fuerzadepaz.com/webcristo/emisora/contactenos/contactenos.htm> (Henrik Klemetz, July 3, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

NEW COLOMBIAN SW STATION

Escuchada desde comienzos de junio, en 6064.5 kHz, en fase de prueba, la nueva emisora colombiana, identificada por el nombre de "La Voz de tu Conciencia", manifiesta deseos de recibir informes de recepción. En respuesta a mi pregunta, Russell M Stendal, director de la radio, me dice que los informes de recepción relativos a "La Voz de tu Conciencia", 6064.5 podrán ser enviados a la emisora a/c de la Librería Colombia para Cristo, cuya dirección es como sigue: Carrera 44 No. 13-69, Bogotá, D. C., Colombia. Están preparando ahora el material que pretenden enviar a los que les envíen informes de recepción.

Mientras tanto, continúan en fase de prueba, y tratándose de un antiguo transmisor de 5 kW de Colmundo Radio, se supone que llegarán lejos (ya se captó en Europa). Sin embargo, en el Cono Sur, pienso que la frecuencia de 6060, en donde próximamente piensan transmitir, será un poco complicada. Entre los libros que se venden en la mencionada librería y que parece ser que también podrán ser bajados por internet se encuentra "Secuestro y reconciliación", un relato del secuestro por parte de la guerrilla colombiana que le tocó vivir a Stendal. Ver:

<http://www.fuerzadepaz.com/webcristo/libros/catalogo/catalogo.htm>

(Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, July 2, radioescutas via DXLD)

We have very good news from Colombia. Russell has the sound studio fully operational and is producing all the programming for the station out in Bonaire. He is able to cut CDs, both messages and music to use on the FM station that has been running 24 hours a day for several years now. The feedback has been excellent from the listeners to this station. For many, who live out in the area controlled by the Marxist

guerrillas, this station is their only link with Christianity. The churches have been closed and house meetings are forbidden. These people live on scattered farms and small towns out in the remote areas of eastern Colombia.

Russell is also producing CDs made up of "shorts", messages of only a few minutes. These shorts are being received and aired on over 50 radio stations in other parts of Colombia. (Almost all of the radio stations in Colombia are in the cities and the population centers.) Right now he is producing a series of shorts made up of Scripture portions.

Several months ago Russell was granted permission to operate an AM station out at Lomalinda/Bonaire. He is going ahead with setting up the AM station before the permission expires. He has ordered the transmitter and still owes \$6,500. This station will have far greater coverage than the present FM. The AM will be great for reaching many more people at long distances, but the FM will still keep broadcasting as the quality of music is much better, and it will still be the station of choice for all within its range. He will use the present tower but eventually will have to set up a separate tower. Below, you will see the four different covers of the New Spanish Bible....

These Bibles are being very well received by all the different groups. The actual printing costs are about \$5.00 apiece for each Bible, however Russell feels that behind each Bible lies at least double that amount of developing costs.

These Spanish Bibles will soon be available in the United States on a freewill offering basis. Russell hopes that you will keep in mind these hidden costs and that your generous offerings will enable us to meet the printing bill as well as the other financial demands of this ministry. We do not want to be a "begging ministry" but pray that the Lord will raise up "cheerful givers" to enable us to keep moving forward on "all fronts" as the Lord keeps opening up opportunities. A heartfelt thanks to each one of you who has given so sacrificially to meet the needs so far. Both the Christian printer and the supplier of the radio transmitters are giving us 90 days to meet these bills.

We need prevailing prayer for the prison radio station. It is all set to go on the air, but the prison department wants a more powerful station than first planned so as to reach all three prisons in Bogot. Of course it will then reach the rest of the city as well. On the basis of this, Russell sold the transmitter he had ready and ordered a larger one. The papers are now in the hands of the government agencies. Only two frequencies are available, and there are many requests. Pray that the Lord will cut through the red tape and give all the required approvals.

Chad and I have been traveling in the eastern United States and Canada this last month. On May 30 we will return to Colombia. We request prayer for our safety and that of all our family and coworkers in Colombia at this difficult time. Keep praying for the Christian Kogis, and we will give you an update on them soon.
(from <http://gloriastendal.tripod.com/stendalnews/id3.html> dated May 2002, via DXLD)

** CONGO DR [non]. GABON/CONGO 9770, Following recent DX news, I observed [Congo via] Moyabi 9770 kHz, viz. at 1735-1832, and this cannot be but another confirmation that this is actually Kinshasa's R. TV Congolaise; heard in French airing African light songs, TS, news 1800, independence day celebration announcements and scheduled events, weather 1825 followed by more music; rated 43442 with adjacent QRM de VOR in English 9775 and CRI 9765 in Russian and then co-channel QRM de VOA 9770 via the PHL at 1800 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, BC-DX Jun 26 via DXLD)

What you hear between 1600 and 1900 on 9770 is definitely RTNC Kinshasa relay, presumably via Moyabi-Gabon. I've heard them yesterday from *16h00 till after 18h00. Every time I checked they were in French. I believe that the transmitter is in Gabon as has been reported, but I would expect a better signal here from Gabon. Yesterday it could not be described better than "fair" at the best of times. I've heard this stn in January 2002, but have not been monitoring this freq to say whether it has been on air regularly (Vashek Korinek, RSA, BC-DX July 1 via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. Radio For Peace International's Weekly Program Update for the week of 30 June - 6 July 2002

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Frequency Schedule: BAND FREQUENCY/MODE UTC/GMT TIME

(frequencies/hours subject to change without notice)

40 meters: 7.445 MHz (USB): 2200 - 0800

19 meters: 15.040 MHz (AM): 2200 - 0800

13 meters: 21.815 MHz (USB): 1200 - 0200 (currently off the air for maintenance) And streaming live on the Internet in MP3 at

<http://www.rfpi.org> (RFPI via WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)

** CUBA. A few items I am trying to obtain if anyone could help me: a photostat of the R. Salas, Habana 9030 kHz QSL showing the Habana racecourse; a copy of the R. Progreso, Habana, 9362 kHz QSL letter [pre-revolutionary]; the list of Cuban SW stations in the 1958 WRTH. Both R. Salas and R. Progreso had outlets in the 16m band, tho whether they were ever used I do not know. I am also interested in Circuito CMC [CMQ??] on 9670. Please write to L. J. Illingworth, c/o Chris Thomas, 2a Cross Street, Redruth TR15 2BU, UK (July BDXC-UK)

Communication via DXLD)

** CZECH REPUBLIC. RADIO FREE EUROPE TO STOP CZECH BROADCASTS, SAYS
CZECH RADIO | Excerpt from report by Czech radio on 2 July

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty has decided to stop in three weeks' time its broadcasts in Czech. At present Radio Free Europe [RFE] broadcasts in Czech in cooperation with Czech Radio, using the CRO 6 frequencies... Source: Czech Radio1 - Radiozurnal, Prague, in Czech 1600 gmt 2 Jul 02 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** ECUADOR, 4919, 0855-, R. Quito Jun 29 Fair reception with frequent IDs in Spanish. Talk by man and woman (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GEORGIA. During a recent visit to R. Georgia, I got this schedule from the Director of the Foreign Service Department. However, the Dusheti transmitters are often silent due to the ongoing energy crisis in the country:

To Oslo: 0500-0530 Russian, 0530-0600 English, 0600-0630 German on 11805. 1830-1900 English, 1900-1930 German, 1930-2000 Russian on 11760.

To Munich: 0700-0730 French, 0730-0800 English, 1700-1730 German, 1730-1800 English on 11910.

To Tel Aviv: 0830-0900 English, 0900-0930 Georgian on 11910; 1530-1600 English, 1600-1630 Georgian on 6180.

To Iran: 0400-0500 Tue & Thu Georgian; 1630-1800 Sat & Sun Georgian on 6080.

To Armenia: 1415-1445 Armenian on 6080.

To Azerbaijan: 1500-1530 Azerbaijani on 4540.

R. Khara, 4540 and 4875, not to be confused with above broadcast on 4540; [mailing address confirmed as 52 Rustaveli Avenue, Tbilisi ñ Dave Kenny]

The grave economic situation, and the continuing energy crisis, also affect broadcasting. The LW transmitter on 189 kHz is too expensive to operate daily and it is now only used on special occasions requiring nationwide coverage such as every Monday at 0600 for the weekly address to the nation by president Edward Shevardnadze.

On MW, Georgian Radio (``Sakartvelos Radio`` in Georgian) now only

uses 1215 kHz regularly. This is a relatively low-power transmitter at Dusheti, just 40 km north of Tbilisi. Even in the capital it suffers from co-channel QRM from Sari, Iran in hours of darkness. However, this outlet is frequently off during power cuts, and this also applies to other transmitters. Therefore the relays of Voice of Hope and AWR were only short-lived.

The Tbilisi transmitter, listed for GR2 on 1044 kHz, is now used by R. Iveria which belongs to the Georgian Orthodox Church (Iveria is an ancient name for Georgia). The station is on the air 24 hours a day and mainly broadcasts religious, cultural and educational programmes. Address: King Erekle Str. 1, 380005 Tbilisi (Maarten van Delft, Report from Georgia, July BDXC-UK Communication, retyped by gh for DXLD)

** GERMANY. Recent DW website changes have dramatically improved the accessibility of on-demand audio programming. The more user-friendly URL of <http://kleist.dwelle.de/english/dpradio/audio.html> brings you to a list of programs; the most recent edition of each can be obtained with one click. Even better, this page was just two clicks from the main DW website. Much, much improved. However, program scripts and archives aren't available as they were previously, nor is the dynamic list of programs and airtimes. I'm guessing this might still be a work-in-progress, but the reorganized audio availability is certainly a plus, IMHO (Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, swprograms via WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)

** GERMANY. See <http://www.swr.de/frequenzen/mittelwelle.html>

In the beginning only 576, 666, 1017 and 1485 will carry the new SWR Cont.Ra, 711 is to follow not earlier than mid-July. This should be the result of a STL problem: There are no longer feed circuits to the three 711 transmitters, instead they use Ballempfang from the next FM site for SWR 1 programming and the Astra satellite system for the Native Language Broadcasts (that's the official name of the broadcasts for foreign workers) with timers for the switches. Now they have to establish an alternative feed, which should be in practice the same one than for the Eureka-147 transmitters. Interesting that Freiburg 828 will stay with SWR 4 Radio Breisgau, provided that the table is correct.

So far this frequency table is still the only mention of SWR Cont.Ra I could find on the SWR webpages. By the way, if anybody wonders about the 1485 outlet not listed in the Germany section of WRTN 2002: It is missing there by error and was in fact always on air (Kai Ludwig, Germany, June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Indeed S, dwestrundfunk started its new SWR Cont.Ra program this morning at 0400. For the time being this program goes out on

mediumwave only, the Astra satellite transmission will follow on September 1. Regarding Eureka-147 it is said that transmissions are to start not earlier than by the end of this year, and even then this will probably remain a poor L-band service with only local coverage. Why bother, there are the proven mediumwave outlets... Meanwhile SWR has a press release out:

<http://www.swr.de/presse/archiv/2002/07/01/2117/index.html>

Between 1700 and 2000 SWR Cont.Ra still includes the ARD broadcasts for foreign workers. As announced the SFB program infoRADIO is now relayed from 2000, tonight after a rather rough switch with a 1 kHz tone burst, followed by a loud crack. Evidently also the audio levels needs to be adjusted. I include a record (made on 1017) of the switch-over from the foreign workers stuff to infoRADIO, identifying itself as "Inforadio dreiundneunzig-eins" acc. it's 93.1 Berlin outlet, then news announcer Siegfried Fiedler welcomes the S, dwestrundfunk listeners. The audio on 576/666/1017 is about a half second behind Calau 93.4. Regards, (Kai Ludwig, Germany, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [and non]. Re DXLD 2-105: Hi Glenn, There can be various reasons for audio delays, but at high power SW stations the most likely explanation is to even out modulation peaks between different transmitters, which makes for a smoother and more efficient use of power. A reduction in power surges can prolong the life of expensive components such as tubes. I know we do this at Bonaire, and I imagine they also do it at Wertachtal. To my recollection, this has been mentioned a number of times before in DXLD and other publications (Andy Sennitt, RN, Netherlands, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. AIR External Service has started Kannada language transmissions from July 1, 2002, beamed to the Middle east at 0215 to 0300 on 11985 and 15075, both via Bangalore 500 kW (Thanks to Alok Das Gupta also for the info)

Kannada is the mother tongue of the people of the South Indian state of Karnataka and the state capital is Bangalore. The new programs originate at AIR Bangalore itself according to the announcements that I heard.

The AIR National Channel programs on 9425 at 1320 to 0041 UT are tests and the transmitter is of 500 kW from Bangalore.

There are plans for a new day time SW Service also for Home Service, probably relaying the FM II Service from Delhi (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, Somajiguda, Hyderabad 500082, India, dx_india via WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)

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** IRAN [non]. DAILY SAYS FOREIGN RADIO STATIONS PLAN TO CREATE
TURMOIL IN IRAN | Text of report by Iranian newspaper Jomhuri-ye
Eslami web site on 2 July

In the past few days, foreign radio [stations] have launched an
extensive propaganda campaign to create turmoil on the anniversary of
the Tehran University campus on 18 Tir [9 July].

The monarchists living in America plan to hold gatherings in the
streets of Tehran in support of the elements who staged a riot in
Tehran between 19 and 22 Tir 1378 [10 and 13 July 1999]. At the same
time, using the media at their disposal and foreign radio [stations],
they are also planning to organize riots in Tehran. These campaigns
are mainly oriented towards the youths and university students.

Therefore, the youths and university students should deal with such
provocation with awareness in order to foil this plot. The street
riots of 19-22 Tir 1378 [10-13 July 1999] were organized by American
agents and on those days the heads of America and Israel openly
declared that the lifetime of the Islamic Republic system had ended!
That plot for toppling [the government] was foiled with an epic
demonstration by the united people on 23 Tir [14 July]. Source:
Jomhuri-ye Eslami web site, Tehran, in Persian 2 Jul 02 (via BBCM via
DXLD)

** IRAQ [non]. IRAQ SAYS CZECHS HELP ITS ENEMIES BY ALLOWING RADIO
FREE EUROPE BROADCASTS | Excerpt from report in English by Czech news
agency CTK

Prague, 2 July: The Iraqi government views Radio Free Europe (RFE/RL)
broadcasts from the Czech Republic as an act of enemy, Iraqi Foreign
Minister Naji Sabri Ahmad al-Hadithi says in the daily Hospodarske
noviny today. He stresses that the Radio Free Europe broadcasts from
Prague to Iraq have had a very negative impact on bilateral elections.
"The Czech Republic has trampled down the long-lasting good relations
which were between our countries," the paper quotes Sabri as saying.
Sabri says, however, that the broadcasts from Prague do not influence
the situation in Iraq in any way and mean nothing for Iraq. "We are
standing up to American and British bombs and missiles," he says.
However, Baghdad resents the fact that the Czech Republic provides
"space to our (Iraq's) enemies and allows the CIA (the US intelligence
service) to spread anti-Iraq propaganda", he says...

Once expanded relations between the communist Czechoslovakia and the Baghdad authoritative regime deteriorated after the fall of the Iron Curtain in Europe and the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. The relations further cooled in the autumn of 1998 when RFE started broadcasts to Iraq from Prague. Iraq officially protested against the broadcasts but later said that it would not hamper the RFE signal as it is not bothered by it... Source: CTK news agency, Prague, in English 0559 gmt 2 Jul 02 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** JORDAN. Glenn, Here is some news. I have not noticed Radio Jordan on their regular 11690 frequency during their regular hours. Have they changed frequencies? (Christopher Lewis, UK, June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST, WORLD OF RADIO 1138)

R. Jordan, 15290, June 6 at 1124 in English, ``HRW worries over Loya Jurga``, SIO 444 (David Gascoyne, Kent, BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) Not supposed to be in English here; presume wrong programme fed to transmitter (Tony Rogers, BDXC-UK ed., via WOR 1138, DXLD)

However, R. Jordan was still reported on 11690 in English the same date at 1559 with time signal, news of Syria dam casualties, SIO 444, also by David Gascoyne; and on June 15 at 1600 with news on Israel and Palestine, SIO 444 (Clare Pinder, Cumbria, BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)

** KASHMIR [non]. This morning at 0015 I noted two stations synchronized on 4790, obviously AIR and Azad Kashmir. There was also a signal spot on freq until about 1710, so it seems that the technicians at Rawat finally fixed the long standing frequency offset. The nasty het from AIR at 0000 must have prompted them to do something (Olle Alm, Sweden, BC-DX Jun 25 via WOR 1138, DXLD)

This morning I was able to pick up 4790 again at the 2340 sign on. Indeed this was the usual very buzzy transmitter, so they have corrected the frequency offset of the existing rig. The frequency synchronisation with AIR is next to perfect. Clearly, they are using a crystal drive for this channel (Olle Alm, Sweden, BC-DX Jun 26 via WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)

** KOREA NORTH. Pyongyang heard on 13760, also 15245 --- thanx to your tips. 1900 UT (Christopher Lewis, UK, June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS. 4662.28, 1208-, R. Houa Phan Jun 29 Weak talk, but equal to parallel 6130. This morning, 1123 30/6 weak, but in the clear on 4662.24. A tentative logging. Difficult for me to tell this from a Vietnamese station. I'll check again at 1200 for //6130. Confirmed with Big Ben type gongs just before 1200 (Walt Salmaniwa, Grayland WA)

DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS. 7145, 1325-, R. LAOS Jun 29 Relatively strong signal in French until just before 1330, then dead air until 1331 and ID as Lao National Radio, in English. Modulation must have diminished, because little heard after this. Lots of adjacent splatter. Following morning at 1311 tune in, 30/6 French monotone by YL. About same strength as yesterday (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA. RBWI test for RFE/RL via Sitkunai, Litauen-1386. Very detailed QSL-letter from v/s: Rimantas Pleikys, who also sent his booklet "Radio Censorship" in Russian (Bj^rn Fransson, the island of Gotland, Sweden, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LITHUANIA. Heard Radio Nord, 9980, started 2001. Signal plagued by QRM, little disappointed (Christopher Lewis, UK, June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9980, Radio Nord, 1955 June 30, fair with mostly talk in Swedish between two men, canned "Radio Nord" slogan. More IDs including jingle at 2000 (Paul Ormandy, Host of The South Pacific DX Report <http://radiodx.com> DX KUSTEBUBG, or rather LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITANIA [and non]. I don't know what might have happened to R. Mauritanie's MF outlet of 783 kHz as reception vanished for quite some time. Meanwhile, I logged Nouakchott again on a Sunday, viz. 23 Jun 1506 at 24443 airing Vernacular program for some talk and chantings. Neighbouring MALI 7285 was also tried, but nothing was heard. The last time I managed to pick up MTN on 41 mb was also a Sunday afternoon, viz. on 5th May last. To some extent, I doubt they're using 100 kW on 41 mb (Carlos Goncalves, Portugal, BC-DX Jun 24 via DXLD)

Further to my previous report, I did manage to get a successful try on 25 Jun 2120, when they were heard at 22431 \\ to 4845 airing a Vn program with some talk and chantings; co-channel QRM de En+POR despite using a K9AY. Another observation today 30 Jun 1501 airing Vn program on 7245 rated at 15341 also thanks to the K9AY loop only (Carlos Goncalves, Portugal, BC-DX Jun 25 via DXLD)

** MONGOLIA. 12015, 1021-, VOICE OF MONGOLIA Jun 29 Good to very good signal with English program of Mongolian music with the same woman who's been presenting for years! Nice to hear them so well again! (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. USA, 14370, VOA, (2 x 7185), 0457 July 1, Noted this strong second harmonic just above the 20 meter ham band a couple of minutes before their 0500 sign off (David Hodgson, TN, harmonics

yahoogroup via DXLD) Site is Morocco, per current online sked, 7185 used only at 0430-0500 in Croatian (gh, DXLD)

** MYANMAR. 5985.80, 1427-, R. Myanmar Jun 29 Burmese vocals at fair level. More or less obliterated by splatter by 1430 when English scheduled (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. Very nice 90 meter reception from PNG this morning July 1. Near greyline propagation and relatively quiet band conditions allowed for the best DX from PNG at this location in quite a while. Here are some of the stronger stations:

3205, R. Sanduan, 1020, July 1, Phone in show. ID by YL at 1036.

3235, R. West New Britain, 1025, July 1, Man in Pidgin, S9 peaks on base loaded vertical. ID by announcer at 1030. Beautiful traditional choral music at 1034. Nice solid copy.

3355, R. Simbu, 0909, July 1, English news and announcements till 0930. ID in passing. Poor EQ on announcer's mic, all bass. Very muddy. Into national type news in English at 1000.

3385, R East New Britain (presumed), 1045. Nice signal also S9 here. Regional pop, time check "9 minutes to 9:00". Didn't stick around for ID (David Hodgson, Nashville TN, July 1, WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 1737 kHz, 1250-, NDB aerobeacon KUT Jun 29 Fair reception with continuous slow CW K-U-T (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 2410, 0845-, R. Enga Jun 29-30 Noted with poor, but building strength on the 29th. I neglected to check on the 30th.

3204.98, 0855-, R. Sandaun Jun 29-30 Radio West Sepik (Sandaun) good reception with Tok Pisin. Following morning, measured on 3204.96. Did not break for national news at 1000. Non-stop island music, the a Johnny Cash piece, and a gospel medley. Tok Pisin at 1021, but no definite IDs noted. Time check for 20 past 8:00.

3220, 0845-, R. Morobe Jun 29-30 Very good reception with IDs in Tok Pisin. Following day, monitored them from before 1000 with 'Let me be there in the morning', then into the national news, but not until 1001:45. Encountered a major problem with echos, which resolved after the relay ended.

3235, 0925-, R. West New Britain Jun 29 I'm thrilled to see that many of the PNG stations have returned. Now's the time to monitor them

again, as I suspect this is a temporary reversal of the general decline of SW broadcasting in PNG, owing to national elections. Tok Pisin, with many mentions of provincial elections, ballot boxes, provincial administrator William ?, and West New Britain heard numerous times. Good reception. Following morning heard after 0930 with religious hymn, 'Ballad of St John'. Full ID noted after the ballad.

3245, 0845-, R. Gulf Jun 29-30 Fair to good reception with Tok Pisin about the 4th of July. Following day noted after 0930 with much music and talk, but no definite ID. Best reception on LSB to avoid QRM.

3260, 0930-, R. Madang Jun 30 No mention of this station on the 29th in my log, and specifically noted not on the air on the 30th after 0930.

3275, 0940-, R. Southern Highlands Jun 29-30 Fair reception with election talk, into local music. Poor to fair on the 30th.

3290, 0942-, R. Central Jun 29-30 Poor signal due to heavy utility interference, but heard with Tok Pisin, into local music. Fair reception the following day after 0930 with the hets eliminated by the notch filter.

3290, 0907-, R. Central Jun 29 Nice steady S7 to S9 signal with local guitar and vocals. Lower modulation woman in Tok Pisin at 0909. Other PNGs audible at this time: 2410 (poor), 3204.96 (Radio West Sepik good/vgd 1-12).

3305, 0945-, R. Western Jun 29-30 Poor reception with Tok Pisin on the 29th. The following day, heard at same time with country and western music at fair to good levels.

3315, 1049-, R. Manus Jun 29-30 Not on the 29th, but back on the 30th. National news at 0900, and also heard at 1049 at good to very good level with C&W music, Tok Pisin with mentions of transparency, and accountability. Interviewed Vanuatu's PM, Mr Edward ?. LSB found to be best to avoid QRM. At 1053 there was a conch shell call, followed by information about an Australian website concerning the colonial legacy. Local time check, and into western music.

3325, 2129- [sic; means 0929?], R. North Solomons (Radio Bougainville) Jun 29-30 Not heard on the 29th, but logged after 0930 with fair reception with some cochannel interference.

3335, 0930-, R. East Sepik Jun 29-30 Not on the air on the 29th, nor the 30th.

3345, 0900-, R. Northern Jun 29-30 NOT heard either day. My notes have no reference to this station, so not sure if the transmitter still exists or not.

3355, 0950-, R. Simbu Jun 29-30 Strong signal but with muddy audio with talk, and into western music after open carrier for some time. Following morning, again very strong with religious talk re Sarah and Abraham, and mentions of Christian radio, thank you, Mondai, Number 1 asking in Tok Pisin.

3365, 0945-, R. Milne Bay Jun 29-30 Not heard on the 29th, and only came across a weak het on the 30th, so I'm not sure about this one.

3375, 0950-, R. Western Highlands Jun 29-30 Good reception 29/6. Same time on the 30th with Tok Pisin, mentioning private enterprise, education, white man, Great Britain number one. ID at 1043. National news at 0901:40 on the 30th, with switch to local program at 0914. Fair to good.

3385, 1009-, R. East New Britain Jun 29-30 Heard on both days. After the national news relay, reverted to local programming at 1011 answering a call from the field from a correspondent. 'Hello. We have you loud and clear. Count number 12 ballot box....' The language did not sound Tok Pisin, but rather more likely one of the many indigenous languages. Reception was very good, but utterly boring with the counts of each ballot box. Apparently (thanks for the information from Don Nelson), there has been major concern re ballot rigging, due to past fraudulent results, and so major care was undertaken to prevent this, this time around. Continued with this same format past 1311, long after the other stations had signed off (or faded out). This same count by the box continued the following day with some utility interference.

3395, 0900-, R. Eastern Highlands Jun 30 No mentions in my logbook for the 29th, and definitely not on the air on the 30th.

3905, 1000-, R. New Ireland Jun 29-30 Very nice to see this station back. Beautiful signal with full ID and time check for 8:00 in Tok Pisin. Following day heard at 0930 with just minor ham QRN. Local ID, and then a public service announcement for AIDS: 'Use condoms all the time'. A Scottish piece followed.

4890, 0930-, NBC Port Moresby Jun 29-30 Usual superb reception on both mornings. Heard well past 1200 (All: Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

An announcement today July 1st 2002 by NBC Karai National News

indicates that a majority of the PNG provinces have extended their election polling date deadline to July 6th.

So for us DXers this may (?) translate into the continued possibilities of extended transmission hours by many of the provincial NBC Kundu service SW stations to this date (Ian Baxter, ARDXC June 30 via WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)

Some stations were running all-night, UT July 1: 3205 and 3385. Good, because reception here is much better in the morning (Chris Hambly, Victoria, WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PARAGUAY. Estuve chequeando en las últimas dos semanas la frecuencia anunciada a través de la cual Radio América, del Paraguay, emitir en onda corta: 7300 khz. Y nada. No pude captar nada desde Buenos Aires y tampoco desde Lobos, donde las condiciones de recepción son sensiblemente mejores que desde esta megalópolis. Acabo de entrar a la página en Internet de la emisora <http://www.radiodifusionamerica.com.py/> y encontré estos datos que reproduzco:

ZP20 Radio América

9 de Agosto c/ Acceso Sur, Embury, Paraguay.

Cartas a:

Casilla de Correo N 2220 Asunción Paraguay

Teléfonos: (595-21) 960 228 / 964 100 Fax: (595-21) 963 149

E-mail: ramerica@r... [truncado por yahoogroups]

Director General Pastor José A. Holowaty

Nada se dice en la página web de la salida en onda corta de la emisora.

No es fácil encontrar sitios en Internet de emisoras paraguayas. No sólo para intentar su escucha sino también para recabar datos sobre las mismas. En <http://www.yagua.com/> hay acceso a las siguientes estaciones... [incluyendo a América]: (Arnaldo Slaen, Argentina, June 30, Conexión Digital via DXLD)

Yo "cada rato" chequeo la frecuencia y nunca se escucha nada. Estoy más o menos a 200 km del QTH de la planta y tendría que entrar como "cañón" aquí. Creo que todavía "no pasa nada". Deben tener problemas de algún índole.... En esta semana estaré en contacto con el Sr. Mur. No le he querido molestar tanto, porque sé que quiere poner la radio lo más pronto posible y cuando se complican las cosas no da gusto ser "moleestado" ;) Hace algunas semanas pasé por cerca de las nuevas instalaciones y pude observar la nueva antena para AM y también parte de la antena para la onda corta. Saludos (Levi Iverson, Paraguay, ibid.)

** PERU. 4746.85, 1027-, R. Huanta 2000 Jun 30 Spanish programming at weak levels, presumed to be this one. EZL and Andean music, and talk.

4826.45, 1033-, R. Sicuani Jun 30 Weak audio in Spanish. Again a presumed logging, with two men talking (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 11840, 0850-, Radio Sakhalin Jun 30 Local ID in Russian, then into American C&W song, Lone Star. Very good. Presume this hour has local programming (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. Regarding rumours about a relay of a European classic rock station via Bolshakovo, a well informed source in Russia has confirmed that a nighttime project is under preparation for 1386 kHz, but no further details are available yet. The start could take place in about 2 or 3 months (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, MWDX list via Dave Kenny, July BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** SAUDI ARABIA. NEW INTERNATIONAL ARAB TV STATION PLANNED

A member of the Saudi Royal Family has revealed plans to launch an international satellite TV station from London to help clear up misconceptions about Arabs and Muslims. Prince Mansur bin Nasser bin Abdul Aziz told the Al-Watan daily that the station would be on the air "after finalising some necessary procedures," but declined to give a launch date. The Prince says that capital funding has been secured through charities and international bank loans. Operating revenue will come through sponsorships and advertisements for Arab and Islamic products. The station will initially broadcast in English to the United States, Canada and Europe. Later, programmes in German, French, Spanish and Italian will be added. As well as seeking to present the Arab and Islamic world in a more positive light, another aim of the station will be to highlight investment opportunities and tourism in the region (© Radio Netherlands Media Network July 2 via DXLD)

** SEYCHELLES [and non]. Allen Graham interviewed two representatives of the Far East Broadcasting Association: Mike Proctor works from Cyprus, and Theodora Hanidis works from their U.K. headquarters. Both of them are affiliated with FEBA's "Spotlight" broadcasts in Specialized English, which is derived from the Voice of America's Special English slow-speed English broadcasts, although FEBA Radio has no connection with VOA. Specialized English uses slowly-spoken English with a limited vocabulary, for listeners who have a limited knowledge of English. These broadcasts began in 1999. Mike and Theodora recently visited HCJB and Ecuador to meet the station staff and to meet "Spotlight" listeners. This program is being carried on FEBA, HCJB, TWR Swaziland, and FEBC Manila. The schedule is available at

<http://specialized.english.net/bxplans.htm>

Mike and Theodora also talked about FEBA in general. Most of its transmissions are from Seychelles in the Indian Ocean, where FEBA owns three 100-kW transmitters. Their antenna array includes 6 curtains and 7 masts, arranged in an arc. They cover Sri Lanka, the Indian subcontinent, the Middle East and southern Africa on shortwave. They also own or co-own a number of local FM stations in Africa. More information is on their website at: <http://www.feba.org.uk/schedule> FEBA Radio may have to move its transmitter site due to a government land reclamation project; tests are being done to determine if FEBA can still get out its shortwave transmissions without harm to the people who will live on the reclaimed land. Updates on this are available from time to time at <http://www.feba.org.uk> QSLs are available for FEBA transmissions, but reports must be sent to the Seychelles transmitter site, to avoid delays that happen when the reports are sent to the U.K. headquarters and have to be forwarded. The postal address: FEBA ** P.O. Box 234 ** Seychelles ** Indian Ocean (HCJB DX Partyline June 29, notes contributed By: Marie Lamb, Syracuse, New York, USA, W9WZE site via DXLD)

** SIERRA LEONE. 6137.5, 29.6 2210, UNAMSIL was heard with really bad strength with mostly nonstop, boring music, making a report was not possible. Unfortunately. 2. OVE (Ove Fransson, Sweden, SW Bulletin via DXLD)

6137.7, 28.6 2340, UNAMSIL with a program very hard to report about the British and Camerunian soldiers in Freetown. DO (Dan Olsson, ibid.)

** SOMALIA. DETAILS OF RADIO DMC AND RADIO MIDNIMO

Radio DMC

Radio DMC (Democratic Media Concern) is based in Baydhabo (alternative spelling: Baidoa), the capital of Bay region in south-central Somalia. It broadcasts on 88.8 MHz FM in the Somali and Rahanwein languages (the latter is sometimes referred to as Maay). The radio claims to be independent and not affiliated to any of the political factions in Somalia.

Baydhabo is currently controlled by the Rahanwein Resistance Army (RRA), the faction which controls the Bay and Bakool regions and which is opposed to the Transitional National Government in Mogadishu. Radio DMC is reportedly owned by local Somali businessmen and some in the diaspora.

Radio DMC is a separate station from the RRA-controlled Radio

Baydhabo. This latter station used to be heard on shortwave (6810 kHz) but has been untraced on that channel for a while. Radio DMC's daily programming includes news in Rahanwein at 1400 gmt and in Somali at 1700 gmt. The station closes down at 2000 gmt.

Radio Midnimo

Radio Midnimo (the Somali for Unity) broadcasts on FM from Boosaaso, the main port and commercial capital of the self-declared state of Puntland in northeast Somalia.

Boosaaso was captured by forces loyal to Col Abdullahi Yusuf in May 2002. It had previously been held by those loyal to Jama Ali Jama. Subsequently, Yusuf's authorities closed down another radio station in the town, Somali Broadcasting Corporation (SBC). Radio Midnimo broadcasts news in Somali at 1030, 1300 and 1700 gmt. Close-down is at 1900 gmt. Source: BBC Monitoring research Jul 02 (via DXLD)

** SOUTH AFRICA. Radio Veritas, 3280. E-mail, long personal letter from v/s: Emil Blaser OP, eblaser@iafrica.com Address: P O Box 134, 2110 Mondeor, South Afrika. Claims that they have got reception reports from Bologna (I think I know from whom?) and Australia too (Bj^rn Fransson, the island of Gotland, Sweden, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 7235, 0400-, ADVENTIST WORLD R. Jun 29 Incredibly strong signal in African accented English and into religious music (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH CAROLINA. Thanx for updating the news about Stair. As far as I know he is still there in his cell (Christopher Lewis, UK, June 30, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I today received a handwritten letter from Brother Stair. It is two pages long (one sheet of paper but written on both sides of).

Also, the outside of the envelope has the following rubber stamped onto it. "The Colleton County Detention Center has neither censored nor inspected this item. Therefore this facility does not assume responsibility for its contents."

I had sent him two blank sheets of paper, but only one of them came back. Same envelope with the excessive postage in case he wrote back after June 30.

Here's one paragraph:

"Brother, I am in Maximum Security locked down for 23 hrs in a single

cell with a bunk & toilet and water and they bring 3 meals a day."

A little later: "No Radio - TV - [begin underline here] a phone yes to all here local."

He also says he's in maximum security because one of the other prisoners got saved and was joyous all night. "He Just shouted and sang and rejoiced all nite and through the next day." (all sic from his handwriting). So they declared Brother Stair to be too "carmatic" (charismatic) and put him in maximum security.

He also says, "No Hot drinks or meals no hard pen or any thing that can be used as a weapon. "

Also: "Yes they open the mail and I am sure they read it. So your letter may even be copied. I don't know."

He refuses to answer my question about his own guilt. But he writes: "Some men here are guilty and others have been charged with that that seem so unfair. Only God Knows." (all sic)

He ends: "Hope to Be Out Soon on Bond or charge Dropped God Willing." The word Bond is underlined and the words God Willing double underlined. Signed "Brother Stair."

He answers less questions than he answers, but I got more than I expected. On the outside of the envelope he wrote for the return address not the jail's but the Overcomer P. O. Box (Robert Arthur, June 28, WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Check out <http://rickcross.com/groups/rgstair.html> Has links to several articles, plus some lovely pics. ;-) 73/ (Liz Cameron, WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Including two clumsily edited audio files apparently from unattributed ``network`` TV coverage, but really local:
<http://www.thenetteam.net/newspt1.ram> and
<http://www.thenetteam.net/newspt2.ram>

...and this story we have not seen before:

FATHER CLAIMS SON'S DEATH WAS FOUL PLAY

Father of a young man who recently died at a Canady's religious community, the Overcomer Ministry, says he suspects foul play.

The Press and Standard/June 14, 2002 By Libby Roerig

An autopsy revealed Stanley Crawford Bean, 27, died of cerebral

herniation on Tuesday, May 28, according to Chief Deputy Coroner Willard Long. Bean, who had been living at the Overcomer Ministry in Canady's for about one year and a half, had a history of seizure-like symptoms.

"The man wanted to go," Teresa Stair said in an earlier interview. "He really wanted to be with the Lord. He said, Sister Stair, I am so happy if I am going to be with the Lord."

Teresa Stair is the wife of the Overcomer Ministry's leader Ralph Stair, 69, who is currently being held without bond at the Colleton County Detention Center on two counts of criminal sexual conduct and two counts of breach of trust.

In the weeks proceeding Bean's death, fellow community members say Bean had been complaining of a variety of medical problems including losing his vision, Long said.

"Brother Stan and I prayed for him two days before he died," said Teresa Stair. "The Lord sent me to him, and I prayed for him. I just believed he going to live."

Considering his age and medical history, Stan Bean's father George believes his son's death was deliberate.

"I believe foul play is involved, He walks in there healthy and comes out on a stretcher," George Bean said. "I really have the feeling myself that something was done to Stan to make him have a hemorrhage of the brain."

"I think its bad, they could have saved him. He was sick for two days, and they didn't do anything. They just watched him die. I don't trust those people."

Though Stan Bean died shortly before 11 PM, his father says he wasn't notified until about 8:45 AM the next day. The Colleton County Coroner's office wasn't notified until 9:30 AM, according to Long.

"The cell phone rang," he said. "I forgot who it was, but they said, 'Your son Stan passed away peacefully in his sleep.'" Though the ministry has offered to pay for a portion of the burial costs, George Bean says that gesture isn't enough.

"I'm sort of bitter anyway. There's nothing that can be done now, because my son is dead and buried," said George Bean.

Stan was always a pillar of great health, his father says. "When Stan left home, he was well," George Bean said. Active in many sports such

as baseball, basketball and football, Stan Bean also excelled academically and was voted most popular by his high school class, his father said. "He was a normal everyday kid," he said. After finishing high school, Stan Bean's behavior changed, as he became reckless and wild.

George Bean says the death of his wife in 1998 instigated his son's desire for salvation. Stan Bean, who worked in construction, began attending service at the Seventh Day Adventist church, and shortly thereafter began following Stair.

"I wish I knew how he got involved with that cult," George Bean said. "I don't know how they do it, but they brainwash those people."

"I really would like a way that no other young people could be brought into that place, ever, ever."

Stan Bean and several other men moved to Nickels, Ga. They would work during the week and attend church services on the weekend. "They were giving all their money to that cult," he said. "He gave them everything he had."

After Stan Bean moved to Canady's, George Bean says he made two visits to the farm. "I wanted to see where my son was," he said. "I wanted to meet Stair, but they said he didn't meet people."

Another thing that bothered George Bean was the fact that he never could be alone with his son. "Every time he came out of the Overcomers, he had this guy named Samuel with him. It was like they didn't want him alone," he said.

George Bean recently made another visit to the farm to collect his son's belongings.

"It looked like someone had been through his stuff," he said. Since his younger son's death, George Bean says he thinks of him all the time. Stan Bean's older brother committed suicide in 1990. "It's been a shocker. I'm still numb," he said. (via Rick Ross cult site as above, via WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)

** TANZANIA. 5050.1, 0356-, R. Tanzania Jun 29 Poor to fair reception of this African, with local music, and talk in local language. Generally a lot of noise tonight (Walt Salmaniwa, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET. 4905, 1231-, Tibet Peoples BS Jun 29 Good reception of Lhasa in either Chinese or Tibetan presumably. Parallels noted 4920, 5240, and 6200 (all weaker). Rechecked at 1255 with even better signal, to hear Cuban music! Short talk by male, then more traditional Chinese

music. Just before top of hour announcement by YL and into rather martial sounding NA. Followed by further talk by YL and OM (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET. Xizang PBS, Lhasa, Tibet, China-6130. 3 pages handwritten letter in English from v/s: Tse Ring Deky, who says: "Your letter brightened my day"! 73 from (Bj^rn Fransson, the island of Gotland, Sweden, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TUNISIA [non]. Millennium Voice via Woofferton, 21550, June 8 at 1340 news and talks in Arabic, various canned IDs in English, such as ``On 21550 kHz shortwave, broadcasting to Tunisia, Algeria and Central Africa, this is Millennium Voice.`` 1430*, SIO 242 (Tony Rogers, Birmingham, July BDXC-UK Communication via WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)

I haven't tried yet, but with Chile curtailed on 21550 to 1300-1400 only, MV should be in the clear for us at last, after 1400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. From: ``Donald Field`` g3xtt@lineone.net
To: kb8nw@barf80.nshore.org
Subject: GB50_-_Wrap_Up?
Date: Tue, 25 Jun 2002 10:08:32 +0100

GB50 (Great Britain Fifty) at Windsor Castle ended operations at 1900 UTC on 9th June.

GB50 was probably the highest-profile special event station ever to be activated from the UK. For those of us fortunate enough to be involved, it was quite something to participate in the Queen's Golden Jubilee in this way, surrounded by the pageantry and history of Windsor Castle. As well as achieving 24,727 QSOs in 145 DXCC entities, several hundred visitors to Windsor Castle each day took time out to watch the operation and to tour the RSGB (Radio Society of Great Britain) Amateur Radio Experience exhibition. They were also given the opportunity to exchange greetings via the ham bands. Many visiting amateurs from around Europe and also from JA, W, etc. took the opportunity to operate the station. GB50 was also visited by His Royal Highness, the Duke of Edinburgh, Patron of the RSGB. A full write-up and photographs will appear in the RSGB magazine RadCom and also on the GB50 Website <http://www.gb50.com>

Some statistics:

QSOs by band:

80 461
40 4124
30 1463

20 4167
17 3921
15 6790
12 1408
10 1174
6 849
2 370

QSOs by mode:

CW 12,221
SSB 12,214
FM 126
RTTY 113
PSK 53

And a reminder from previous News Releases:

Operating Awards: See previous announcements, GB50 Web site and K1BV Web site. See also RSGB Web site for details of additional awards related both to GB50 and to the special GQ/MQ/2Q prefixes being used during June by UK stations.

QSL Route: Owen Cross, G4DFI, (bureau, or direct to: 28 Garden Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent DA7 4LF, England).

Web Sites:

GB50: <http://www.gb50.com> RSGB: <http://www.rsgb.org>
Golden Jubilee: <http://www.goldenjubilee.gov.uk>

Info - Don Field G3XTT, Publicity Officer g3xtt@lineone.net

Once again, many thanks to Icom UK, who provided the equipment for GB50.

Regards, Don G3XTT (KB8NW/OPDX July 1/BARF-80 via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DXLD)

** U K [non]. Dear Glenn: Heard Radio Ezra's last broadcast of the current series at 0500 to 0530 on 30 June. Reception was terrible and didn't understand much beyond the initial ID. The signal was pretty much buried in the noise. Hill's website says he hopes to have a 4th series of broadcasts on starting in October. Cheers, Bill Wilkins, Springfield, MO, July 2, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RUSSIA 17735, 0458-, R. EZRA Jun 30 Final broadcast in the present series, with usual transmitter tones, and into programming at TOH. 0504 time check, ID, and mention of program to WCNA. Good with mild fades. Latter, reception becoming more difficult with only a S3 to S5

signal. At the end of transmission, mentions he'd like to come back and broadcast perhaps to Africa. Unfortunately the late hour for the west coast causes reception to be highly variable, from excellent to poor. I found the 2330 transmission much more dependable. Thanks John for your efforts (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K [non]. This received from SRSnews:

We are pleased to advise Laser Radio will be running our first test broadcast this coming Sunday 7 th July, on 5935 kHz shortwave. We shall be transmitting with 100,000 watts from 1400 until 2200 UT.

Reception reports to :

Laser Radio
BCM Aquarius
London WC1N 3XX
England

Our website has also been updated - <http://laserradio.net>
(via SRSnews, also via David Hodgson, TN, WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)

Anyone know where this transmission is from - Latvia on 5935 (as used by Caroline) springs to mind? Although they don't mention it above, the Laser website says they are printing "only" a quantity of 2002 QSL cards and request a donation of £4 or 6 Euros or \$5 if you want a card (!) - (Alan Pennington, BDXC-UK via WORLD OF RADIO 1138, DXLD)

** U S A. STATE OUT OF STEP, By WILLIAM SAFIRE, WASHINGTON
<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/07/01/opinion/01SAFI.html?ex=1026514390&ei=1&en=d8380c3c6d489474>
[also at <http://www.nytimes.com/2002/07/01/opinion/01SAFI.html>
--- Kim Elliott]

In a column soon after 9/11 titled "Equal Time for Hitler?," I noted that our taxpayer-supported, government-sponsored Voice of America was "balancing" reports of the terrorist outrage by broadcasting interviews with Muslim supporters of terror.

The anti-U.S. propagandist given air time by V.O.A. that especially stirred my ire was Yasir al Serri of the Gama'a Islamiyya, warning that Americans must make no accusations against Islamists "before knowing the full truth." V.O.A. failed to identify the group of which al Serri was spokesman as one that had in 1997 killed 58 foreign tourists and 4 Egyptians.

The same V.O.A. news department ignored our State Department's protest

and provided a world broadcast platform to Muhammad Omar, the Taliban leader harboring Osama bin Laden. Listeners the world over were informed by Omar on our network that "America has created the evil that is attacking it" and should stop "imposing its empire" on Islam.

After a blast by Senator Jesse Helms and my provocative headline, an interim V.O.A. chief issued a soothing guideline that "we will not give a platform to terrorists or extremist groups." The new Bush-appointed V.O.A. boss, Robert Reilly, had conservative backing and tries to resist giving equal time to murderers on U.S. government facilities.

In the old days of 2001, moral clarity was in fashion at Foggy Bottom. But last week, in the posh reception room of the State Department, at a ceremony blessed by the attendance of an approving Secretary Colin Powell, the same news director who approved the previous policy of equal time for terror emerged triumphant.

Andre de Nesnera was given an award by the American Foreign Service Association for "constructive dissent" in refusing to follow the suggestion from State last September to deny terrorists U.S. airtime. Champagne corks popped, Secretary Powell's presence was taken to be an official apology, and de Nesnera was hailed by foreign service officers for "the courage to challenge the system from within."

Within hours of having been lionized by the accommodationist diplomatic establishment for having etched his profile in courage, the triumphant news director fired a member of his staff named Stephen Schwartz. An excuse may be leaked, but I think the real reason is ironic: the former San Francisco Chronicle reporter is an outspoken dissenter from the news director's views.

Schwartz, a contributor to the conservative Weekly Standard, is critical of Saudi and Syrian support of terror: in September, Doubleday will publish his likely best seller, "The Two Faces of Islam: The House of Saud From Tradition to Terror." The abrasive reporter, 53, who covered the war in Bosnia and Kosovo firsthand, was unpopular with deskbound colleagues. Nor did he join the 100 V.O.A. employees who signed a petition last year supporting the news director's defense of its offer of a platform to al Serri and Mullah Omar.

The U.S. government's newsroom tilts pro-Arafat and anti-Sharon. Four times in one week, director Reilly had to pull stories that featured Arab justifications of suicide bombing. Last week, he was too late to catch a broadcast interview about reaction to President Bush's Middle East speech that called terrorists "freedom fighters" engaged in a "resistance movement." In analyzing Bush's presentation of the U.S.

position, a Hamas leader's diatribe was supposedly balanced by an Arabist former U.S. diplomat. Belatedly, that story was yanked from the V.O.A. Web site.

Why can't the White House, State, Congress and the moribund Broadcasting Board get a handle on a unified public expression to the world of America's resolve? When V.O.A.'s new Middle East Radio Network took control of medium-wave transmitters located in Kuwait, that unplugged our AM broadcasts in Farsi to Iran and Radio Free Iraq's Arabic broadcasts to Iraq. Now a half-hour of music is followed by four minutes of news and not one pro-U.S. editorial. Why? Because V.O.A. bureaucrats have been spending months asking focus groups what Arabs want to hear.

We are getting our act together on homeland security, and may even work out a rapprochement between the C.I.A. and F.B.I. But when it comes to knocking heads together to get our wartime message out ó to persuade Islamic people that freedom is in their political interest, and that the path of democracy offers their best hope for a good life ó our Voice is faint and our public diplomacy a flop.

Forum: Join a Discussion on William Safire's Columns (Moderated)
(NY Times Op-Ed July 1 via Tom McNiff, VA, Harry Helms, CA, DXLD)

Information about Andre de Nesnera's creative dissent award is at...
<http://www.voanews.com/article.cfm?objectID=B5EDCCE9-C15F-4FD2-9517F0556A866010&title=VOA%20Receives%20Ethics%20Award%20for%20Mullah%20Omar%20Interview>

By the way, any news releases about Radio Sawa/MERN, and about BBG, can be found at the BBG website -- http://www.bbg.gov/bbg_news.htm -- rather than at voanews.com 73 (Kim Elliott, DC, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VERY SAD, VERY SAD indeed.

Maybe the best idea would be to suspend the shortwave, medium wave, FM, internet et al. and just a present a service Members of Congress and Mr. Safire, feel comfortable with. No sane listener will be fooled by a propaganda service. Too many international broadcasters like Swiss Radio International, Radio Austria International, and DW have decided the people of the Foreign Ministry are the most important audience, the rest of audience be damned, 'all they want is a QSL card anyway.' AND YOU KNOW SOMETHING, they are right, the programs are so boring, only someone who needs a QSL card would bother to listen anyway.

I hope the VOA will maintain a higher standard! It should useful for

soemthing other than obtaining QSL Cards (Larry Nebron, CA, swprograms via DXLD)

** U S A. U.S. RADIO CHARM BLITZ HITS CRACKED NOTE FOR ARABS
By Joseph Logan

BEIRUT, Lebanon (Reuters) - Hoping to soothe Arab anger at its policies, Washington is spinning frothy pop tunes and the United States take on Middle East news across the region, but the signs are that even those who like to dance cannot stand the message.

As many Arabs seethe over a Middle East policy speech by President Bush demanding that Palestinians reject their leadership to achieve a state, the United States faces a tall order in persuading the region it is an honest broker of peace rather than Israel's mouthpiece and cash cow.

U.S. officials believe Radio Sawa -- an Arabic language service mixing music with news reflecting Washington's view of the region -- is making inroads toward easing the resentment America was forced to confront in the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States.

Arab listeners, however, say they'll take Sawa's heavy dose of Arabic and English-language pop but have no use for the world view of Washington, which they deem the power that keeps Israel afloat and gives it the green light to oppress Palestinians.

"I like the music, I hate America," said one listener, a 20-year-old Palestinian woman studying at the American University of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.

Part of a public diplomacy campaign launched after the attacks of Sept. 11, Sawa hopes to boost U.S. stock in the region through the tactics of American mass marketing, using government funds through the Middle East Radio Network.

It hit the airwaves in late March, and is heard clearly in Amman, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Kuwait on FM, and with less success in Egypt and Lebanon via AM transmissions. It has also received permission to begin transmitting from Cyprus.

Most of the programming is dedicated to music, but Sawa -- which means "together" in Arabic -- has short news bulletins, a sample of which quoted only Western leaders such as Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

U.S. Undersecretary of State Charlotte Beers, an advertising industry pioneer whose job now is to pitch America abroad, says consumers need

to know the product as it is, arguing that ignorance, not U.S. policy, is the source of resentment in the Middle East.

CHALLENGE TO COMMUNICATE, ARAB AWARENESS

"We have ... a challenge to communicate our policies and values to the world more effectively," she told the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, explaining that Sawa was making inroads on that front. Some Middle East listeners, however, said Sawa's task would be much tougher, and that its real problem was that Arab audiences know America all too well.

"Merely broadcasting in Arabic will not change Arab hatred of America because of its bias toward (for) the Zionist enemy," said Jamil Abu-Bakr, acting head of Jordan's largest political party and mainstream opposition group the Islamic Action Front.

"Arab awareness about their cause and America's position towards it is much deeper than to be influenced by this media campaign to improve America's image."

Other listeners seemed willing to be wooed by the music, but resented the political mission. "It's really nice. It has good English and Arabic songs and no programs, so I don't have to keep switching stations," said Dara Robehmed, a 29-year-old Jordanian who works in advertising in Dubai, who was surprised to learn what Sawa's mission was.

"I had no idea that it was launched to improve America's image," she said. "I think using our (Arabic) music to try to improve relations with us is a slap in the face."

On the other side of the broadcast battle for Arab sympathies, the head of al-Manar, the television station run by Lebanon's Hizbollah guerrilla movement, said that the moment Sawa's values bled into its content it would lose its audience.

Nayef Krayem, whose station covers the Palestinian uprising as an armed struggle against the terrorism of Israel and its U.S. patrons, said Arab listeners would hear advocacy for Israel in between Sawa's songs, and reject it.

"In the view of Arabs, the U.S. and the Israel positions are one, or rather, the U.S. position is the cause of the Israeli position because of its unlimited support for Israel," he said.

"If the station is pushing these positions, then it's going to fall on deaf ears and won't resonate. Arabs will recognize it as indirect

marketing of Israel's policies."

YOUR MARTYRS ARE MILITANTS

Some listeners said Sawa's political bent was there for all to see in descriptions of Hamas, the Palestinian Islamist group that has carried out suicide attacks on Israelis by bombers described as martyrs by the Arab media.

"I noticed something was wrong when they described Hamas as an extremist militant group," said Mariam al-Dabbagh, a 20-year-old studying at the University of Sharjah. "The news glorifies the United States and in a way undermines the Arab role in the peace process."

In Lebanon, where few can hear Sawa and several stations offer the same fare of Western and Arab pop music, there seemed to be little room for either the station's content or its views.

"Radio What?," said Rosy, a 21-year-old student at the Lebanese American University. "I guess I would listen if I like the music, but I already have stations that play what I like. And the idea of the U.S. news in Arabic, it sounds silly."

"It doesn't matter what language they say it in, no one agrees with what they say."

Sawa's signal is also weak in Cairo, where some people suggested the station's political mission and the sense that it was just another mouthpiece for America's pro-Israeli bias would turn off listeners even if they could hear it.

"I wouldn't want to listen to it because I'm sick of all things that are American. I boycott their food, clothes and their media," said Naglaa Mohamed, a 35-year-old housewife. "As long as the American will is controlled by Israel, then nothing the United States does will improve its image in the Arab world."

Additional reporting by Ghaida Gbantous in Dubai, Suleiman al-Khalidi in Amman, and Heba Kandil in Cairo) (REUTERS via Mike Cooper, July 2, DXLD)

** U S A. Rumor has it that WJIE has approached KVOH about the possibility of using their SW transmitter, either in California, or to replace the one in Kentucky (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. *** LATEST NEWS ***

WUOT has been declared an "essential service" by the University of

Tennessee and WILL remain on the air in the event of a partial state government shutdown. UT officials will use the station as a primary communications tool to inform the public about UT activities during this most unusual time. WUOT will maintain normal broadcast operations, but will pre-empt regularly scheduled programming if events warrant.

The status of a state appropriation for WUOT in FY '03 is still unknown at this time (Denise Carpenter, WUOT Knoxville June 30 via DXLD)

** U S A. IS THIS THE END OF INTERNET RADIO FROM THE USA?
From radiolondon.co.uk

The fight for Internet Radio has been struck a blow, with the decision of the US Library of Congress to charge companies a crippling fee for all the music they play. John Schneider <http://www.radiopoly.com> updates us:

Bad news folks. The Librarian Of Congress cut the performance royalty rate for webcasters in half yesterday. That sounds good when you say it, until you learn that the formula is still per song / per listener, instead of a rate based on a percentage of revenue like the long existing ASCAP & BMI fees. The result? For traditional stations (terrestrials) that simulcast online, no change. For internet only stations (like Radiopoly WILL be), the fee will be half of what was originally proposed, or 0.07 cents per listener, per song. Doesn't sound like a lot, I know, but it adds up very fast. The difference for the vast majority of webcasters (you know, all the people that AREN'T Yahoo, MSN, AOL, etc) is a rate that represents only about 100% of revenue instead of about 200%. Oh joy.

Just when you think someone in Washington has the nerve to be fair to a fledgling industry, they get sucked in by the massive vacuum inside the beltway. If you feel so inclined to write to your representatives, tell them the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) MUST be amended NOW, to COMPLETELY ELIMINATE a performance royalty fee for webcasters. While you're at it, ask them this: "How could it possibly make sense that webcasters, who are executing the same business model (and actually improving on it) as terrestrial broadcasters are subject to a per performance royalty that does not exist (and never has) for terrestrial broadcasts?"

Kick ass and take names. John (via Mike Terry, UK, June 30, DXLD)

Monkey Love. God save Pirate Cat Radio. Least you could do, after forsaking the webcasters.

BY DAN REINES

So the librarian of Congress screwed pretty much everyone last week, in case you missed it.

James H. Billington, who runs the government agency that oversees the Copyright Office, ruled on June 20 that Internet broadcasters will pay back royalties to performers in the sum of seven cents per listener per song -- half what arbitrators proposed back in February, but still not the revenue-based flat fee that small-time webcasters claim they need in order to survive. In other words, everyone involved is pissed.

So what's it all mean to you? Well, it means your listening menu just got slimmer. Again.

Not that it wasn't already waiflike. Ever since the Telecommunications Act of 1996, media leviathans like Infinity Broadcasting and Clear Channel have been buying up the commercial radio dial, turning hundreds of stations into homoplastic clones of one another. Which means that instead of dozens of DJs and program directors picking music based entirely on personal taste (and maybe some hookers and coke, compliments of the labels), now the playlists are determined by one or two regional PDs based on nationwide phone-tree focus groups (and a barely legal system of de facto payola, but apparently no more hookers). It's why commercial FM radio comes in three colors nowadays: black, white and country. It's also why all three colors suck.

It's worth noting that despite the crap we've given KCRW -- and yeah, morning does become narcoleptic with all that techno-infused AOR they play ñ at least they're unique. Maybe you like Nic Harcourt's taste in music, maybe you don't, but at least he has taste, rather than just a ream of market research.

Anyway, there's good news. Pirate Cat Radio is back.

Maybe you remember DJ Monkey Man -- Daniel Roberts to his real-life friends. Roberts ran a pirate radio feed at 87.9 FM out of his Hollywood apartment until March, when he packed up and headed for Santa Cruz. But Roberts came back in early May, and now he's running for mayor of Hollywood (assuming Hollywood secession goes through), and more importantly, he's back on the air. Not that we're blowing his cover or anything.

"It took the FCC three days to find me," he says. "They know my m.o. ñ they know what's going on."

The FCC may know all about him, but so far they haven't done a whole lot other than bury him in form letters. And for the moment, at least,

Roberts is still broadcasting because of what he says is a loophole in the law, something he found in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations, title 47, section 73.3542: If you're in the process of applying for a license, apparently, "authority [to broadcast] may be granted, on a temporary basis, in extraordinary circumstances." Conveniently enough, those circumstances include a state of war.

It was one of those "holy shit!" discoveries for a guy who's been running pirate radio stations and dodging the government since the mid-'90s. "I'm like, "Oh God, it can't be that easy,'" says Roberts.

Of course, it's not that easy, or at least not according to the FCC. "There are no such loopholes," says an informed (and really, really stern) source over at the agency's enforcement bureau. "There. Just. Are. No. Such. Loopholes. If he's operating on the air, he will be found, and he will be stopped. And severe penalties follow." The source didn't say anything about tire irons or missing thumbs, but his point was pretty clear.

No. Loopholes.

Whatever, it's not your concern. Your concern is finding a radio station you can stomach. And while Pirate Cat Radio may be ridiculously small (the light under which you're reading this story puts out more wattage), it is available within about 20 miles of Roberts' apartment, and thank God.

Roberts broadcasts all day, every day, with the help of a couple of PCs and about 260 gigabytes of MP3s, which is a whole fucking lot of music.

Which means that if you tune in on your way to work one morning, you may hear Blondie's "Dreaming," or the Waitress's "I Know What Boys Like," or what the hell, maybe some obscure spoken-word stuff. It's, you know, kind of a crapshoot. But whatever you hear today, you won't be hearing tomorrow.

"Lately the playlist has been nothing but punk, ska, new wave, some Brit pops and, I don't know, some weird Belle and Sebastian or the Who or whatever," says Roberts, laughing. "I don't know. Donovan. It's getting really weird lately."

And that, really, is kind of the point, ain't it? After all, with KROQ you know exactly what you're going to hear on your way to work because it's the same thing you heard while you were brushing your teeth. It's Papa Roach. Dear Lord, save us all.

Or at least watch over the Monkey Man. Least you could do after

forsaking the webcasters. newtimesla.com | originally published: June 27, 2002 (via Tom Roche, DXLD)

**** U S A. GENERAL COMMUNICATIONS EMERGENCY RESCINDED**

(Jul 1, 2002) -- At the request of Arizona Section Manager Clifford Hauser, KD6XH, effective today at 3 PM Eastern Daylight Time (1900 UTC), the Federal Communications Commission's declared communications emergency will terminate. The declared communications emergency was in support of relief efforts in Arizona. Amateurs can resume using the frequencies 7265 kHz and 3990 kHz plus or minus 3 kHz. The Federal Communications Commission wishes to thank everyone for their cooperation and dedicated service.

W1AW will resume its 3990 kHz phone bulletin, transmitted daily at 0145Z, Monday evening. (ARRL via John Norfolk, OKCOK, DXLD)

**** U S A.** Concerned about the rash of AM stations running daytime facilities at night, when they are supposed to be lower powered, direxional, or even off the air? We understand that reports of such violations in DXLD do eventually come to the attention of the FCC. Other violations of interest: EAS incapability; towers over 200 feet must have their registration number attached, or at least on the gate to the property. This is often not the case. Altho it may take a while, stations are likely to face fines and cease-and-desist orders. Lack of legal IDs, however, is not a concern (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

**** U S A [non].** Family Radio [via Merlin, frequencies now available:] Details Time (UT) Tx Site Freq Coverage Area Program Language

1400-1700 Abu Dhabi (UAE)	17800 IND En & Hindi
1900-2000 Woofferton (UK)	9590 ME Ar
1700-1900 Woofferton (UK)	15290 WeRUS Ru
1700-1800 Asc Isl	21680 CeAF En
2000-2100 Asc Isl	15195 Ce&WeAF En
1900-2100 Meyerton (SoAF)	3230 SoAF En.

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**** U S A [non].** RFA A-02 updated schedule of July 1st.

0000-0100 LAO	12015I 13830 15545T
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0030-0130	BURMESE	13680T	15660	17525	17835S	
0100-0300	TIBETAN	9365	11975H	11695UAE	15225T	15695 17730
0100-0200	UIGHUR	9350	11520	11895UAE	11945UAE	15405S
0300-0600	MANDARIN	13670T	13760T	15150T	15665T	
		17495	17525	17615S	17880S	
		21690T				
0600-0700	MANDARIN	13670T	13760T	15150T	15665T	
		17495	17525	17615S	17880S	
0600-0700	TIBETAN	17485	17510	17720	21500T	21690UAE

break

1100-1300	TIBETAN	7470	11590	13625T	15510UAE	15695
		17855H-	(from 1200)			
1100-1200	LAO	9355S	9545T	15560I	15635	
1230-1330	CAMBODIAN	11520	13765I	15525T		
1300-1400	BURMESE	9385	11765T	11540	13745T	
1300-1400	TIBETAN	7470	11590	13625T	15510UAE	15695 17855H
1400-1500	CANTONESE	9445S	11955S	13625T		
1400-1500	VIETNAMESE	9455S	9635T	9930W	11510	11520
		11605N	11765T	13775P	15705	
1400-1500	KOREAN	7380	11790T	13720T	15625	
1500-1600	TIBETAN	7470	11510	11780UAE	13835	
1500-1600	MANDARIN	9905P	11765T	11945S	13625T	
		13690T	15510T	15680	17640T	927N
1600-1700	UIGHUR	7460	9370	9555UAE	9675UAE	13625T
1600-1700	MANDARIN	9455S-	(fr 1630)	9905P	11750T	11795T 11945S
		13690T	15510T	15680	17640T	927N(1630-)
1700-1800	MANDARIN	9355S	9455S	9905P	11750T	11795T 11945S
		13690T	15510T	15680	17640T	927N(-1730)
1800-1900	MANDARIN	9355S	9455S	11520	11740T	11945S 11955T
		13680T	15510T	15680	17640T	
1900-2000	MANDARIN	9355S	9455S	9905P	11520	11740T 11785T
		11945S	11955T	13625T	13680T	15510T 15680
2000-2100	MANDARIN	9355S	9455S	9905P	11520	11700T 11740T
		11785T	11935S	13625T	13670T	15515T 15680
2100-2200	CANTONESE	9355S	11785T	13675T		
2100-2200	MANDARIN	9455S	9910P	11700T	11740T	11935S 13625T
		15515T	15680			
2200-2300	CANTONESE	9355S	9955P	11785T	13675T	
2200-2300	KOREAN	7460	9455T	11670S	11935S	
2230-2330	CAMBODIAN	9930P	11570	15175I	15485T	
2300-2359	MANDARIN	9910P	11785T	13800S	15430T	15550T 15680
		7290	11960			
2300-2359	TIBETAN	7470	9365	9805UAE	9875H	15695
2330-0029	VIETNAMESE	11540	11560	11580	11605N	11670T 13720S 15560P

(various sources, updated on July 1st, 2002, BC-DX via DXLD)

** URUGUAY. 6155, 28.6 2320, R. Sarandí del Yí was a surprise this night. Was heard really well with short notices about tourism in Uruguay followed by a notice about a music fiesta in Treinta y Tres with orchestras from Brazil and Dom Rep. Q 4 D0 (Dan Olsson, SW Bulletin June 30, translated by editor Thomas Nilsson for DXLD)

** UZBEKISTAN. 17775, 1340-, R. TASHKENT Jun 29 Good reception from Radio Tashkent in English about economic matters. Other parallels not heard today. Long lists of contact addresses, email, phone numbers! I suspect these are business contacts, rather than for Radio Tashkent (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 5925, Xuan Mai's outlet of R. V. of Vietnam hrd again on 23 Jun 2206-2226 at a fair level of 35433, airing Vietn pxing w/, presumably, news and later with songs (Carlos Gonçalves, Portugal, BC-DX Jun 24 via DXLD)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. MADAGASCAR. 7310, 0330-, VOICE OF PEOPLE Jun 30 Fine signal tonight despite WHRI being back on the air. Crash start at 0330 with African music program. Must be a weekly Saturday night (UT Sunday morning) program. About the best I've heard them except when 7315 off the air (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. QSL Report: SW Radio Africa, Zimbabwean clandestine via South Africa-6165. E-mail from v/s: Richard, webmaster: richard@swradioafrica.com web: <http://www.swradioafrica.com> (Björn Fransson, the island of Gotland, Sweden, July 1, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED? 5080, 1358-, Russian 'names' station Jun 29 First time I've heard anything like this. Rather than numbers, ongoing lists of Russian names are read. Seems to originate from Russian Far East, as strongest on NW Beverage. Anyone else hear anything like this? Ended at 1405:45.

A very enjoyable weekend, as always in Grayland, WA DX site using 3 700+' Beverage antennas aimed NW, W, and SW terminated on the Pacific Ocean. Receiver this time was my AOR 7030+ using ERGO 3 computer control software. Unlike other DXpeditions, conditions did not seem to favour any one area, as you can see by my loggings below. Thanks to John Bryant and Don Nelson for erecting the antennas before the arrival on Friday of myself and Nick Hall-Patch. Happy listening, and happy Canada Day to all Canadians, and an early Happy 4th of July to the Americans (Walt Salmaniw, Grayland WA DXpedition, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 10197.128, 1628 July 1, 11 x 927, Very weak (Tim Bucknall, UK, harmonics yahoogroup via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Vietnamese sounding station heard on 11640, 1925 hours,
did not say it was Voice of Vietnam (Christopher Lewis, UK, June 30,
DX LISTENING DIGEST) But, why not? (gh, DXLD) ###